

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 2, 7, 9, 19, 21 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4, 5, 8, 11 and 31 have been amended to depend from claim 3. Applicants have also added claims 32-44 to further define their invention. Claim 32 corresponds to claim 5 but depends from claim 29. Claims 33 and 35 correspond to claim 8 but depend from claims 6 and 29, respectively. Claims 34 and 36 correspond to claim 10 but depend from claims 33 and 35, respectively. Claims 37 and 40 correspond to claim 11 but depend claims 6 and 29, respectively. Claims 38 and 41 correspond to claim 12 but depend from claims 37 and 40, respectively. Claims 39 and 42 correspond to claim 13 but depend from claims 37-40, respectively. Claims 43 and 44 correspond to claim 31 but depend from claim 6 and 29, respectively.

In view of the cancellation of claims 7 and 9 and the change in dependency of claim 8, the rejection of claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is moot.

In view of the cancellation of claims 2, 7, 9, 19, 21 and 22 and the change in dependency of claims 3, 5, 8, 11 and 31, the prior art rejections in the outstanding Office Action are also moot.

Applicants note the indication in the outstanding Office Action that claims 3, 6 and 29 are allowed and that claims 5 and 9 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is submitted all of the claims now in the application are in condition for allowance.

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